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Honorable Olin D. Johnston  
Chairman  
Committee on Post Office & Civil Service  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 12 January 1956, requesting the comments of this Agency on pending executive pay legislation.

It is most important that action be taken to raise executive pay scales in order to assist the Government in the recruitment and continuing employment of highly competent individuals for key posts.

I believe that the provisions of S. 2628, now before your Committee, represent a substantial advance over existing legislation governing the rates of compensation for executive positions within the Government.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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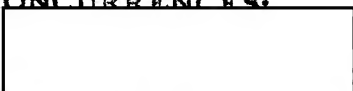
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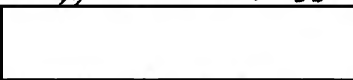
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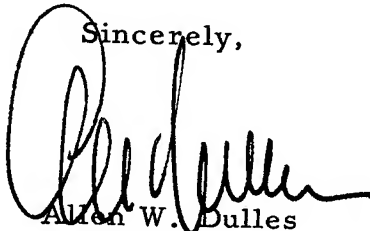
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I am informed that the Administration favors the provisions of S. 2628. The only recommendation I would add, with respect to the specific application of this legislation to the Central Intelligence Agency, is that the Congress bear in mind the importance of having the positions of the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence established at the appropriate level within the executive branch.

A The Director of Central Intelligence works on equal terms with the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of State and the senior Administrative Assistants to the President. He regularly attends meetings of the National Security Council, is the principal foreign intelligence advisor to the Council, and is a full member of the Operations Coordinating Board, in addition to his responsibilities as the operating head of the Central Intelligence Agency. The basic responsibilities of the Director

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I am sure that your Committee will bear the above considerations in mind in its deliberations on H.R. 7619 and S. 2628, and I again thank *you* for permitting me to express the views of this Agency on this most important matter.

The Bureau of the Budget has concurred in the transmittal of this letter.

Sincerely,


Allen W. Dulles  
Director



MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

I have discussed this matter with Gen. Cabell, and he and I both feel that if possible you should avoid any direct statement of support for S. 2628. This language, which we worked out jointly, is designed to accomplish this, and still make the general point that new executive pay legislation is desirable.

I have not yet coordinated this with the Bureau of the Budget, as it is not precisely along the lines I had discussed earlier with you.

  
Norman S. Paul  
Legislative Counsel

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